

EDITORIAL

We hope that as many Members as possible are planning to attend the Annual Meeting in Omaha, our first in five years. Omaha has excellent facilities for such a convention, and the officers of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union assure us of a cordial welcome. It is our first Nebraska meeting and is slightly farther west than we have hitherto gone, but it will not seem far to the Members who attended our earlier conventions in Kansas City and Des Moines. The meeting will be held November 29 and 30. Dr. R. Allyn Moser is Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements. Our Secretary, Maurice Brooks, is sending out a letter to all Members and will be glad to answer any questions about the plans.

The membership of the Nominating Committee who will prepare a slate of Officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting has not yet been announced, but Members are invited to send in their suggestions for the slate; letters may be addressed to the Committee in care of the Editor.

There is now a greatly increased demand, especially from foreign countries, for back volumes of the *Bulletin*. Except for one issue, our stock of recent volumes is fairly adequate. The single scarce issue is that for March 1941, and we should like to purchase any copies that may be available. Members who have, or can obtain, extra copies of this issue can do the Club a valuable service by sending them to the Editor.

Recent additions to the list of exchanges being received by the Club Library include: *Bulletin de la Société Nationale d'Acclimatation de France*, *Der Ornithologische Beobachter*, *Nos Oiseaux*, and *Suomen Riista*.

OBITUARY

FRANKLIN L. BURNS, a Founder of the Wilson Ornithological Club, died February 7, 1946, in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, at the age of seventy-eight. He had served as President, as Secretary, and as Treasurer of the Club; in 1901 he edited the *Bulletin*. He was the author of a book, "Ornithology of Chester County, Pennsylvania," and of an important series of articles on Alexander Wilson. His monographs on the Flicker (1900), the Broad-winged Hawk (1911), and the incubation and nestling periods of North American birds (1915 and 1921), as well as his very early breeding-bird census (1901), were important pioneer contributions to ornithology.

OSCAR NEUMANN, the noted German ornithologist and explorer, died in Chicago, Illinois, on May 17, 1946, at the age of seventy-eight. He was best known for his work on the taxonomy of the birds of Africa.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

John T. Emlen, Jr., has been appointed to the newly established professorship of ornithology and mammalogy at the University of Wisconsin.

The Arctic Institute of North America has been organized to encourage arctic research. It is serving as a center in coordinating scientific work and is offering Research Fellowships for work in the Arctic or Subarctic. Communications should be addressed to the Institute at 805 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Canada.

The Barro Colorado Island Laboratory, Canal Zone, is again in full operation. Under a recent reorganization order of the President it has been assigned for administration to the Smithsonian Institution.

Henry Kritzler has received a National Research Council Fellowship to study at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California.